

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
FROM: Rafael A. Paz, City Attorney  
DATE: February 1, 2023

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE - ACCEPT RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR'S 41ST STREET BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE, MADE AT ITS DECEMBER 8, 2022 MEETING, AND PRIORITIZING THE EXPANSION OF THE FREEBEE RIDE SERVICE IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH AS PART OF THE FY2024 ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS TO POTENTIALLY EXPAND THE AVAILABLE VEHICLES TO UP TO EIGHT (8) VEHICLES TO MORE EFFICIENTLY SERVE THE MID-BEACH AREA.

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### **ANALYSIS**

Pursuant to the request of Commissioner Alex Fernandez, the above-referenced Resolution is submitted for consideration by the Mayor and City Commission at the February 1, 2023 Commission meeting.

### **SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA**

N/A

### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

The sponsor of this item requests that the Administration be prepared to address the fiscal impact of this proposed measure as part of the FY2024 annual budget process.

### **Applicable Area**

Citywide

**Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-14?**

No

**Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?**

No

### **Legislative Tracking**

Office of the City Attorney

**Sponsor**

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Description**

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR'S 41<sup>ST</sup> STREET BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE, MADE AT ITS DECEMBER 8, 2022 MEETING, AND PRIORITIZING THE EXPANSION OF THE FREEBEE RIDE SERVICE IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH AS PART OF THE FY2024 ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS TO POTENTIALLY EXPAND THE AVAILABLE VEHICLES TO UP TO EIGHT (8) VEHICLES TO MORE EFFICIENTLY SERVE THE MID-BEACH AREA.**

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to a contract with the City, the Freebee ride service has been providing on-demand transit service in the Mid-Beach area since May 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the service provides first/last mile connectivity in areas that are currently not served or underserved by the Miami Beach trolley or Miami-Dade County bus Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Freebee service is a popular alternative transportation service that assists the City in achieving resilience and mobility goals, reduces carbon footprint, reduces congestion, and improves mobility options for the residents; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 16, 2022, the Mayor and City Commission approved a new five (5) year agreement with Freebee, wherein two (2) electric vehicles will continue to serve the Mid-Beach area; and

**WHEREAS**, at its December 8, 2022 meeting, the Mayor's 41st Street Blue Ribbon Committee unanimously passed a motion recommending for the City to support an increase and expansion of the Freebee fleet, from two (2) vehicles to eight (8) vehicles, to service the Mid-Beach area.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby accept the recommendation of the Mayor's 41<sup>st</sup> Street Blue Ribbon Committee, made at its December 8, 2022 meeting, and prioritize the expansion of the Freebee ride service in the City of Miami Beach as part of the FY 2024 annual budget process to potentially to expand the available vehicles from to up eight (8) vehicles to more efficiently serve the Mid-Beach area.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.


**ATTEST:**

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Dan Gelber, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez)

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& FOR EXECUTION**

  
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City Attorney *AK* 1-24-23  
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